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Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) said,

{O YOU WHO HAVE BELIEVED, RESPOND TO ALLAH AND TO THE MESSENGER WHEN HE CALLS YOU TO THAT WHICH GIVES YOU LIFE}
[Surah Al Anfāl 8:24]

Urwah Ibn Az Zubayr (رحيم الله) said,

“{THAT WHICH GIVES YOU LIFE} MEANS WAR, BY WHICH ALLAH HONORED YOU AFTER HUMILIATION, STRENGTHENED YOU AFTER WEAKNESS, AND DEFENDED YOU FROM YOUR ENEMY AFTER THEIR SUBJUGATION OF YOU”
[Tafsīr Ibn Kathīr]

Jihād not only grants life on the larger scale of the Ummah, it also grants a fuller life on the scale of the individual.

Ibnul-Qayyim (رحيم الله) said,

“If there were nothing in archery except that it repelled worry and sorrow from the heart, then that would be a sufficient virtue. Moreover, the people of archery have experienced this.

Also, At- Tabarānī reported from the hadīth of Hishām Ibn ‘Urwah from his father, from ‘Ā’ishah that Allah’s Messenger (صلى الله عليه و سلم) said,

“WHENEVER ONE’S WORRY SEIZES HIM, HE ONLY NEEDS TO WEAR HIS BOW AND USE IT TO THEREBY EXPEL HIS WORRY”
[The isnād contains a very weak narrator named Muhammad az-Zubaydī, as mentioned in “Majma’ az-Zawā’id”]

This is similar to the statement of the Prophet (صلى الله عليه و سلم),

“PERFORM JIHĀD FĪ SABĪLILLĀH, FOR IT IS A GATE OF THE GATES OF JANNAH BY WHICH ALLAH REPELS WORRY AND SORROW FROM THE SOULS”

[Sahīh – reported by Imām Ahmad and al-Hākim on the authority of ‘Ubādah Ibn as-Sāmit]

This is also derived from the statement of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى),

{FIGHT THEM; ALLAH WILL PUNISH THEM BY YOUR HANDS AND WILL DISGRACE THEM AND GIVE YOU VICTORY OVER THEM AND SATISFY THE BREASTS OF A BELIEVING PEOPLE AND REMOVE THE FURY IN THE BELIEVERS’ HEARTS. AND ALLAH TURNS IN FORGIVENESS TO WHOM HE WILLS; AND ALLAH IS KNOWING AND WISE}

[Surah At Tawbah 9:14-15]”

[Al-Furūsiyyah]